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SUBJECT: JAMAICA: DELIVERY OF DEMARCHE REJECTING RUSSIAN RECOGNITION OF SOUTH OSSETIA AND ABKHAZIA AS INDEPENDENT STATES

REF: A. STATE 91849 (270241Z AUG 08)

- **1**B. STATE 90978 (231729Z AUG 08)
- 1C. KINGSTON 741 (221929Z AUG 08)
- 10. STATE 89769 (210110Z AUG 08)

Classified By: Charge' d' Affaires a.i. James T. Heg, Reasons 1.5 (B) a nd (D)

- 1.(C) Per reftel (A), PolOffs delivered demarche rejecting Russian recognition of South Ossetia and Abkhazia in the course of a private meeting with the Jamaican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade (MFAFT)'s Director for Bilateral Relations, Courtenay Rattray, and Deputy Director Shorna-Kay Richards, on the afternoon August 27.
- 2.(C) In response, Rattray confirmed that the Government of Jamaica (GoJ) has no plans to recognize South Ossetia or Abkhazia.
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